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**18 Arrested for DUI Super Bowl Sunday**  
***NFL DUI Mobilization wraps up***

**Dover** – Eighteen people who may have celebrated too much, were arrested for DUI on Super Bowl Sunday. Twelve of the DUI arrests came as a result of a sobriety checkpoint conducted by the New Castle County DUI Task Force, and the remaining six were the result of DUI Saturation patrols conducted by Cheswold Police, Delaware State Police, Georgetown Police, Harrington Police and Smyrna Police.

The enforcement was the culmination of a statewide NFL Playoff DUI Mobilization coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. The Playoff DUI mobilization began January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Twenty-six state and local police agencies conducted DUI saturation patrols throughout the month of January on weekends when NFL Playoff games were being held.

A total of 40 people were arrested for DUI under the initiative, which is the first of the 2009 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* DUI prevention campaign. Monthly checkpoints will continue through June, along with additional enforcement taking place around holidays such as St. Patrick's Day.

In addition to the mobilization's 40 DUI arrests, officers also cited 62 individuals for seat belt violations and issued 1,155 citations for a variety of other traffic violations. In 2008 officers arrested 559 people for DUI as part of the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign. At year's end, alcohol-related traffic fatalities had decreased by 12% from the previous year. For information on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).